GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1620
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BAUXITE ORE DEPOSITS
Deo Shri Bikram Keshari

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of Bauxite ore deposit/production in the country, including Orissa, district- wise and State-wise;

(b) whether any alumina processing industry has been set up based on Bauxite ore, in the country including Orissa State;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, location-wise; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the production of Bauxite ore and other minerals?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY)

(a) : As per the National Mineral Inventory prepared by Indian Bureau of Mines(IBM) as on 1.4.2005, the all-India resources of bauxite are 3289 million tonnes, out of which 899 million tonnes are in `Reserves` and 2390 million tonnes are in `Remaining Resources` category. The state-wise reserves/resources of bauxite in the country is available in the Indian Minerals Year Book, published by Indian Bureau of Mines, a copy of which has been supplied to the Parliament Library. The total production of bauxite in the country during 2006-07 was 15.66 million tonnes. State-wise/district-wise production of bauxite during 2006-07 is given in Annexure-I.

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir. Presently, seven alumina refineries have been set up in the country, out of which one alumina plant of National Aluminium Company Limited(NALCO) is located at Damanjodi in Orissa state and another plant has been set up by Vedanta Group at Lanjigarh (Orissa). The details of these refineries are given in Annexure-II.

(d): Minerals including bauxite are produced by companies engaged in mining operations which adopt different methods including modern technologies or expansion projects, etc. for increasing production.

ANNEXURE-I

State-wise/District-wise production of Bauxite during 2006-07 (in tonnes)

State/District	2006-07(Provisional)
India	15661220
Chhattisgarh	1592699
Kanker	-
Kawardha (Kabirdham)	331888
Sarguja	1260811
Goa	111097
South Goa	111097
Gujarat	5882413
Amreli	89685
Jamnagar	5577984
Junagarh	44000
Kachchh	57237
Kheda	7050
Porbandar	105522
Sabarkantha	935
Jharkhand	1488862
Gumla	767328
Lohardaga	721534
Karnataka	96710
Belgaum	7859
South Kanara	88851
Kerala	-
Kollam	-
Madhya Pradesh	144172
Jabalpur	680

Katni 57005
Rewa 6644
Satna 79843
Shahdol -
Sidhi -
Maharastra 1344446
Kolhapur 1062181
Raigarh -
Ratnagairi 282265
Orissa 4659317
Koraput 4623278
Sundergarh 36039
Tamil Nadu 341504
Namakka 194346
Salem 147158

ANNEXURE-II

Details of Alumina Plants in India

Sl.No.	Name of the Plant	Location	Capacity (Tonnes per annum)
1	National Aluminium Company Limited(NALCO)	Damanjodi, Orissa	1,575,000
2	Bharat Aluminium Company Limited(BALCO)	Korba, Chhattisgarh	200,000
3	Hindalco Industries Ltd.	Renukoot, U. P. Belgaum, Karnataka Muri, Jharkhand	1,160,000
4	The Madras Aluminium Company Limited	Mettur, Tamil Nadu	85,000
5	Vedanta Alumina	Lanjigarh, Orissa	1,400,000
Total:			4,420,000